

Resources on Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)

Your health care providers give you a lot of great information to help you stay as healthy as possible. But sometimes you have more questions than your provider has time for answers. Here are some resources you can use to learn more about Congestive Heart Failure (also known as CHF or heart failure). Use the worksheet on the back to prepare for your clinic visit.

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Books



Check with your local VA hospital or public library to find good titles on Congestive Heart Failure.



Pictures

Major Signs and Symptoms of CHF

http://nihseniorhealth.gov/heartfailure/heartfailedefined/heartfailure_popup.html

MedlinePlus: CHF Tutorial

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/tutorials/congestiveheartfailure/htm/index.htm>

Web Information



American Heart Association: Heart Failure

http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Conditions/HeartFailure/HeartFailure_UCM_002019_SubHomePage.jsp

Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research: Heart Failure

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/print/heart-failure/DS00061/>

MedlinePlus: Heart Failure

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/heartfailure.html>

NIH Senior Health: Heart Failure

<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/heartfailure>

Associations



American Heart Association

<http://www.hearthub.org/>

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/index.htm>

The Consumer Health Library Panel (CHLP), a group of professional librarians from the VA Library Network, developed this for you. You can find other information from the CHLP on the web at <http://www.va.gov/LIBRARY/VALNET/ConsumerHealth.asp>

Remember that your VA Librarians can help you find the health information you need.

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TeamTalk

You and Your Health Care Team

You are a key part of your health care team, and it is important to tell your team members what they need to know to treat you correctly. To make the most of your visits, fill out this worksheet and share it with your health care team at the **beginning** of your visit.

I am here today because: _____

I am most concerned about (symptom or health question): _____

My symptoms are (be specific): _____

The symptoms started: _____

I want to know more about: _____

Use this space to list your top 3 questions (be brief; put your most important question first):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Key points my health care provider told me about my health today: _____

Actions I need to take: _____

I plan to go to my VA Librarian and ask about (ask a member of your team to print the name of the disease or medicine you want to know more about): _____
